

BECKER AND NORKIN FACE COURT TO-DAY

Will Be Arraigned Before
Judge Gibbs on Joint
Murder Charge.

TRIAL TO BE RUSHED

Bronx Prosecutor Has Both
Prisoners Watched Fear-
ing Suicide.

CHILDREN SENT AWAY

Becker's Two Eldest Go to
Farm to Escape Taunts at
Hebrew Asylum.

Albert Cohn, Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, announced yesterday that Abraham Becker and Reuben Norkin, who are jointly indicted for the murder of Becker's wife, Jennie, and accused of burying the body in the abandoned boiler pit off Southern Boulevard, will be arraigned before Judge Louis D. Gibbs in Bronx County Court to-day. The date for their trial may be set.

Precautions have been taken against possible attempts at suicide by the alleged murderers. Sheriff Edward J. Flynn, fearing either Becker or Norkin might resort to violence in their cells at the county jail, has removed even the men's shoestrings and neckties in case they should attempt death by hanging. The men are watched carefully while eating their meals to prevent harmful manipulation of knives and forks.

Knowledge that Becker's two oldest children, Harry and Alex, have been removed from the Hebrew Orphan Asylum to a farm near Albany on account of persistent teasing and questioning by their playmates at the institution was a new development in the case yesterday. Harassed by the charge against their father, Harry, 8 years old, and Alex, 6 years old, became so sensitive the officials at the asylum decided upon removing them to the country where the children could find peace. The twins, Sarah and Ceila, are still at the Hebrew Orphanage.

Mr. Cohn declared last night the prosecution would ask for an immediate trial. "So far as we are concerned we are ready now," said Mr. Cohn. "Becker and Norkin will appear for a pleading tomorrow morning. If they are tried separately Becker will be tried first. We are prepared for a trial and will not tolerate any delay."

Several relatives of Fanny Bloom, whose mysterious disappearance the prosecution is trying to connect with Norkin, have been subpoenaed to appear in the District Attorney's office to-day. Miss Bloom was working at Norkin's home, 519 Timpano place, The Bronx, when she disappeared in July, 1915. Attorney Cohn hinted that the investigation had unearthed something of interest in this aspect of the case, but said he was not ready to make a public statement yet.

It has been ascertained that Becker's four children were insured for the sum of \$100 each and that these policies were taken out February 13, 1922. They lapsed for non-payment on April 17, exactly ten days after the date of Mrs. Becker's murder.

The prosecution is still trying to establish the relation between Norkin and Becker and ascertain why Norkin should have aided and abetted him in perpetrating the crime.

Digging in the lot at the corner of East 140th street and Southern Boulevard was abandoned temporarily yesterday on account of the expense. Mr. Cohn said digging would be resumed if any evidence was secured which justified it, but it was not considered wise to spend several thousand dollars without fairly substantial grounds for doing so.

Detectives are still looking for the motor car which Becker sold for \$200 just after the crime had been committed. The automobile was stolen from its owner in October and attempts to find it have not been successful.

PROFESSOR IN EUROPE; WIFE GETS DIVORCE

Friend Gives Evidence Against
Herbert S. Robinson.

After Justice Morschauer had heard testimony in the divorce action of Mrs. Sarah D. Robinson of Larchmont against Herbert S. Robinson, a professor of languages at White Plains, yesterday, he said it was his custom to have the defendant produced in court. "We can't get the defendant," said the plaintiff's lawyer. "He is in Europe." "Well, I guess we can't bring him back here," said the justice. "Under the circumstances I will grant a judgment."

One of the principal witnesses was Albert Halper of West Ninety-third street, a friend of the defendant, who said he found him registered with a young woman at a hotel in West Thirty-fifth street. "When I called upon him at his hotel room," said the witness, "Mr. Robinson said he hoped I would be a regular fellow and not tell his wife."

J. C. PENNEY INSURES LIFE FOR \$3,000,000

Head of Chain Stores Obtains
New \$1,500,000 Policy.

J. C. Penney, chairman of the board of directors of the J. C. Penney Corporation, 350 Seventh avenue, yesterday bought \$1,500,000 additional insurance on his life. Mr. Penney now carries \$5,000,000 life insurance, on which an annual premium of \$120,000 is paid. He is forty-seven years old.

Only three other men carry life insurance in equal or larger amounts. Rodman Wanamaker's life is insured for \$1,500,000. Pierre du Pont carries \$4,000,000 and John Wanamaker, \$5,000,000. The business was transacted by I. W. Brill of Brill & Scott, general agents for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, 516 Fifth avenue. The corporation which bears Mr. Penney's name is represented in twenty-nine States by 371 stores dealing in wearing apparel and known as the Golden Rule stores. Last year the corporation's business amounted to \$20,000,000.

JUDGE RULES HUSBAND OFF STREET WHERE WIFE LIVES

Court Order Will Compel White Plains Man, Separated
From Family, to Crawl Over Back Fences to Re-
port to Police Station as Probationer.

Edmund J. Ryan of Crawaumpum street, White Plains, who was found guilty of disorderly conduct and intoxicated on complaint of his wife, was told by Judge Holden of the White Plains City Court yesterday that he must not put his foot on Grand street, where Mrs. Ryan lives at No. 27, for a year. Ryan was also placed on probation for a year and was ordered to pay his wife \$65 a week for the support of herself and their three children. He

will be allowed to see the children, but not in Grand street. Because he is on probation Ryan will have to visit the police station once in a while and the station is in Grand street. To get there Ryan will have to climb a fence in the back yard and go in by the back door, and if he should want to visit the public library, also on Grand street, he will have to climb another fence and get in by a side door. Ryan had been separated from his wife and was arrested on Thanksgiving afternoon while making his customary visit to the children.

MURDER INCREASE CALLED APPALLING

Statistician of Prudential In-
surance Company Gives
Figures for 28 Cities.

"The murder record of 1921 is the most appalling in the history of the twenty-eight cities for which the data at the present time are available."

With this statement Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, consulting statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, begins an extraordinary article published to-day by The Spectator, an insurance journal.

"The record makes a glaring contrast," Dr. Hoffman writes, "to the assurances of those who, in pre-prohibition times, assured the country of the salutary effects of the suppression of the liquor traffic upon the rate of homicidal frequency. Likewise, the infliction of the death penalty seems to have had but a slight effect as a deterrent to the homicidal mania which remains as the greatest blot upon the civilization of the United States. For, looked upon from every point of view, our national murder record confirms the outstanding fact of our national indifference to the laws of the land, and a contemptuous disregard of the Christian commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill.'"

Record of 28 Cities.

"The reckless killing of human beings goes on at a pace in excess of our population increase, while at the same time there are abundant reasons for believing that the punishment for capital crimes, or of those guilty of the greatest of all offenses against the person, is now more lax than at any time in our history."

In 1921, in twenty-eight cities with a total population of 20,538,770, there were 1,519 cases of murder, equivalent to a rate of 5.2 per 100,000 of population. In 1920 the record stood at 5.5. Dr. Hoffman notes in his survey, and at about the same for the five years preceding 1921. These rates represent deaths officially recorded as having been due to homicide, and fall short of the truth. In Dr. Hoffman's opinion, because of a large number of deaths classified as accidents or suicides and which might have been homicides in part. In seventeen of the twenty-eight cities the homicide rate increased in 1921.

Rate in Larger Cities.

"It is certainly significant," Dr. Hoffman says, "that New York city, with its vast Jewish population and other alien elements should have a rate of only 6.2, or about two-thirds the average rate of the country at large, 9.3. It is even more significant that the city of Boston should have a rate of only 3.7, while in marked contrast is the rate for Chicago of 11.3. For other cities the rates are: Baltimore, 11.3; Buffalo, 4.8; Cincinnati, 15.2; Cleveland, 10.3; Dayton, 10.1; Indianapolis, 12.3; Los Angeles, 15.6; Minneapolis, 7.1; Nashville, 25.1; Newark, 4.7; New Orleans, 20; Philadelphia, 5.1; Pittsburgh, 9.4; Providence, 6; San Francisco, 9.8; Seattle, 7; Spokane, 8.6; St. Louis, 17.2; and Washington, D. C., 12.6."

STORE OR HOTEL MAY GO ON HIPPODROME SITE

Rumor Says Largest Theater
Is to Be Torn Down.

The New York Hippodrome at Sixth avenue and Forty-third street, the world's largest theater and the property of the Forty-third street Realty Company, may be torn down and a department store or hotel erected on the site. The rumor of this would come within the next few months were current in real estate circles yesterday, but officials of the United States Realty and Improvement Corporation, of which the Forty-third street company is a subsidiary, would not confirm them.

Richard G. Babage, secretary of the United States company, said last night that there had been talk of some such improvement, but that so far as he knows nothing has been determined upon. At any rate, he said, nothing will be done until close of the present theatrical season.

It is not expected that the show which Charles B. Dillingham is running at the Hippodrome will close before the summer. The Hippodrome site runs 300 feet on Sixth avenue and 250 feet on Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets. Building and land are assessed at \$2,400,000.

JUDGE CHARGES WIFE KIDNAPED CHILDREN

Souter Says She Also Took
His Bed and Clothing.

Clyde D. Souter, Judge of the District Court of Jersey City, who is being sued by his wife for separate maintenance, appeared yesterday before Judge Winner in the police court at Kearny, N. J., and swore out a complaint charging his wife with kidnapping their four children.

Judge Souter alleged that when he returned Tuesday night to his home at 44 Terrace place, Kearny, he found that his family had disappeared and that his wife had taken everything except his clothing and personal belongings. Even the bed had been taken away.

SUTPHIN JULY OUT HOURS.

The busy before which Harry Sutphin, editor and political leader, has been on trial in the Supreme Court, Queens, charged with the murder of William Verducci, retired early in the afternoon and had failed last night to reach a verdict. It continued its deliberations.

THE ELEPHANT ARRIVES HERE SAFE

Pygmy Not Any Bigger
Than Pony Installed in
Bronx Zoo.

HE'S GENUINE RARITY

'Funny Face' All There as
Pachyderms Go, but
Weights 300.

GIFT OF MORRIS KINNEY

Queer Specimen Captured for
Society by Major and Miss
Cunningham.

Dr. William T. Hornaday, world famous naturalist and director of the finest, rarest and most expensive collection of wild and tame animals to be found anywhere, heard the telephone bell ring in his office at the Bronx Zoo late yesterday afternoon, answered it and promptly hung up the receiver and his appetite for dinner. He had just been informed that Funny Face, the conservation portion elephant unloaded only that afternoon from the United States liner President Van Buren, had been so delayed in leaving the Van Buren's Hoboken pier that it would be impossible for the little trick pachyderm to get up to the Zoo until 7 P. M. or after.

"Ding ding ding!" said the great naturalist with wholly understandable heat. For he had not been so interested in the receipt of a new beastie, so altogether enthusiastic, since that great day when he rode from City Island to the Zoo dangling his legs from the eaves of a moving van in which rode, roared and raged one of the biggest, handsomest and fiercest polar bears ever lured into human captivity. Pygmy elephants, almost the rarest of the jungle people, so new, indeed, to the scientific world that it has been only in the last ten years or so that their existence as a separate species was credited, are greater catches than old silver. King, Dr. Hornaday, had made great preparations to receive the midget, and all to no purpose, since he had to run away at 5 o'clock to address a scientific assembly and couldn't possibly tarry to shake hands with Funny Face.

Will Have Chance To-day.

Anyway, the enthusiastic Hornaday will have every opportunity to-day to make friends with the pygmy. For Funny Face, standing 37 inches in his socks and weighing a shade under 300 pounds, but a bit bigger than a medium size Shetland pony and a whole lot cuter looking, arrived at the New York Zoological Gardens shortly after 7 o'clock and was put to bed with all the honors due his rank.

He looks just as a sure enough, regular eleven-foot elephant would look through the new Rinside cabinet in the new building. He's all there, is Little Funny Face, quaint little like a pig's tusks you could use for paper knives; trunk so tiny that you might call it a finger; and a pair of you felt that foolish; large round ears like palm-leaf fans covered with ashen and little, bright eyes twinkling with intelligence. He's a bit bigger than a Shetland pony, but a whole lot cuter looking, arrived at the New York Zoological Gardens shortly after 7 o'clock and was put to bed with all the honors due his rank.

Months ago, when Morris Kinney, a very well to do citizen of Butler, N. J., told Dr. Hornaday that he wanted to do something handsome by the Zoo and was willing to let Hornaday say what the good doctor jumped at the chance. Knowing that the Cunninghams, brother and sister, were going gorilla hunting to the untamed lands of the Congo, West Africa, Dr. Hornaday sent them a cablegram asking them to capture alive a pygmy elephant. It came about that way.

The pygmy was put aboard the President Van Buren at London, with Major Cunningham himself in charge. The Major placed the pygmy in a specially built cage made in two compartments, one of which Funny Face used for sleeping and the other for exercise.

Mrs. Payne was struck by another automobile and overturned at Fifth avenue and Ninety-seventh street. The automobile was driven by Samuel Cahn, a dry goods merchant of 204 New Main street, Yorkers. He was arrested on a charge of homicide.

NEW ATTACK SHAKES BUILDING PEACE PLAN

Independents Assail Lock-
wood Committee Treaty.

Discord has broken out anew in the building trades unions just at the time when the Lockwood Committee proposals seemed to have succeeded in promoting harmony. The Independent Bricklayers' Union, through Pincus Hockstein, its acting general secretary, issued a statement last night in which it virtually challenged the power of the Lockwood Committee to force an amalgamation of the union with the International Bricklayers' Helpers' Union, which is the recognized American Federation of Labor organization. A meeting of the Lockwood Committee has been called for next Wednesday and the Independents ask permission to present their side of the case in open session at that time.

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